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25X1 Following is a comparison of commodity prices and wages in Tsingtao for
25X1 July 1937 and October 1946.

1. Commodity Prices

Commodity	Unit	Price in U.S. Dollars July 1937	Price in U.S. Dollars October 1946
Gold	Per ounce	31.43	60.30
Sulphur Black	Per 60 kg.	10.90	449.00
Caustic Soda	Per 300 Kg.	17.10	248.50
Gasoline	Per gal.	0.47	0.34
Coal	Per 1000 kg.	4.57	102.50
Flour	Per 48 lb. bg	0.86	7.69
Millet	Per 100 catties	1.43	8.72
Rice	Per 100 catties	2.29	17.40
Sugar	Per lb.	0.043	0.57
Potatoes	Per 100 lbs.	0.71	7.69
Spinach	Per lb.	0.009	0.077
Carrots	Per lb.	0.009	0.077
Apples	Per lb.	0.057	0.38
Butter (local)	Per lb.	0.343	1.54
Eggs	Per 10 Pcs.	0.071	0.46
Chicken	Per abt. 4 lbs.	0.172	2.56
Beef	Per lb.	0.086	0.513
Fish	Per lb.	0.114	0.513

25X1 [redacted] Note: In 1937 a heavy duty was levied on gasoline, and at present, imports are duty-free.)

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Commodity	Unit	Price: July 1937	October 1946
Grey cloth	40 yds.	2.00	19.50
Dyed cloth (shade 190)	40 yds.	3.57	30.80
Shoes, imported leather	Pr.	2.86	20.50
Man's suit, imported material	1	25.71	307.00
2. Salaries			
Houseboy	Per Month	10.00	30.70

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